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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS REPORT ALLEGING US AND FRANCE

REQUESTED INTERVENE MILITARILY IN LEBANON

1. NIJIB SADAQA, SECRETARY GENERAL LEBANESE MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO REPORT THAT ISRAELI MAAREV HAS PUBLISHED REPORT TODAY MAY 10 FROM THEIR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT PHILIP BENN THAT LEBANON HAS REQUESTED BOTH THE US AND FRANCE TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN LEBANON. ACCORDING TO SADAQA REPORT IS BEING CARRIED BY PRESS AGENCIES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUHAMAD, BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT TO THE CURRENT CRISIS IN LEBANON, HAS JUST ISSUED DENIAL. HE HAS ALSO TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR KABBANI IN WASHINGTON TO SUGGEST THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO ISSUE DENIAL AS WELL AND HAS ASKED IF I WOULD MAKE SIMILAR REQUEST TO THE DEPT. WE HAVE NOT SEEN STORY HERE, BUT SADAQA SAW IT IN AFP.

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3. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT ISSUE DENIAL
OF STORY WHICH IS, OF COURSE, UNTRUE.
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